

TURNER SET TO MOVE —TOWN ARE BEATEN

Town sink in a mud bath

DEFENSIVE king-pin Chris Turner may have played his last match for the Town at Leicester last night.

He made the shock announcement before suffering another bitter disappointment as the Town slithered to defeat on a rain-swept paddy-field of a pitch at Filbert Street.

Dissatisfied with the set-up at Kenilworth Road, Turner, bought from Peterborough eight months ago for £100,000, said he hopes to be transferred by the weekend to New England Teamen, of Boston, USA.

Turner said: "I was on loan there when Luton signed me, and I want to go back. The manager knows how I feel, and I hope that the deal will be done very quickly. I understand Luton will get back what they paid for me."

Manager David Pleat did not travel with the team to Leicester and is understood to have been looking for a replacement for Turner — he made a bid for Coventry's Jim Holton, formerly of Manchester United, but the player refused the Town's terms.

It was a night for direct football and the Town's rare early thrusts failed to show enough sharpness.

Leicester had a lucky escape when West earned a corner after Rofe hooked a cross dangerously near to his own goal.

EXCLUSIVE

West took the kick and Turner headed powerfully for goal, beating Wallington, but Goodwin was well positioned to head off the line.

In the 30th minute Leicester broke the deadlock. From a corner a crowd of players lunged in hopefully at the near post. Henderson deflected the ball across the face of the goal and centre-half May

LAST NIGHT'S MATCH

LEICESTER CITY 3, LUTON TOWN 0

Half-time: 2-0

TOWN: Findlay; Stephens, Price, Donaghy, Turner; Hill, West, Birchenall; Taylor, Hatton, Stein. Sub: Carr.

LEICESTER: Wallington; Goodwin, Rofe, O'Neill, May; Kelly, Peake, Williams, Smith; Henderson, Buchanan. Sub: Ridley.

GOALS: May for Leicester 30 minutes after corner slithered through a crowded goalmouth; Smith for Leicester 43 minutes after Findlay missed with attempt to stop a long pass; Williams 62 minutes, a header from Rofe's cross.

OTHER GOAL ATTEMPTS: Town two off target and six saved. Leicester five off target and three saved.

REFEREE: Norman Glover (Chorley)—very brave to start the match, but had a good game.

ENTERTAINMENT: Disappointing for the Town faithful who made the trip, but both sides deserve credit for making a game of it in impossible conditions.

ATTENDANCE: 10,465—Leicester's second lowest of the season.

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slid through to score from close range.

The goal seemed to do the Town more good than Leicester—they raised their game and for the rest of the first half looked the better footballing side.

Birchenall and West began to test Leicester's defence with probing passes and defenders Turner and Stephens both moved up in support of Town attacks.

Stephens put the finishing touch to a smooth move involving Birchnall, Hatton and Taylor, when his low cross shot from 20 yards was expertly caught by Wallington.

Just as it seemed that Town could get back, Leicester grabbed their

second goal two minutes before the interval.

It was the product of a 30-yard pass from midfield. Findlay came out and went down to gather the ball, but it slipped beneath his body and Smith nipped in to slide the ball home from close range.

This blow badly needed a quick reply from the Town in the second half, but although they made two chances, both went begging.

Leicester punished the Town's failure in front of goal by coming back to score for the third time.

Town's goal was under seige when Williams had a shot deflected by Donaghy on to the post. Rofe gathered the ball on the flank and knocked it smartly back into the middle and this time Williams was on target with a simple header to wrap up Leicester's double over the Town.